music programmes and from South you shoud have more Hindustani music programmes. As the I&B Ministry has a scheme of showing films of great classical interest on television, you can also think of broadcasting long-duration concerts of great maestros through FM bands. I want to know whether the hon. Minister will consider these suggestions sympathetically.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: This suggestion is well noted. In fact, in the FM channel, as at present, classical music is given first priority, second to light classical music, third to film music fourth to folk music and fifth to Western music, including classical music and pop musk.

I don't want to repeat, as I have already answered the increase of time will depend upon the purchasing power of the people to buy and maintain such sets. I did not mention it in my answer to the first question. Even in the FM band radio sets, where there is no electricity, you have to run it by battery sets. Here more number of batteries are required than what is required in the ordinary sets that are now available. Therefore, even if we spread it weekly, people will not get the purchasing power to maintain the set. That :are is being taken and certainly the suggestion about the long-duration classical music is noted.

***†384. श्रीमती बसन्ती शर्मा :**
श्री कपिल वर्मा :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 2 मार्च, 1992 को यू.एन.आई. द्वारा प्रचारित उस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसके अनुसार एक निजी कंपनी श्रीलंका से प्रसारण शुरू करने वाली है ; यदि हां, तो क्या इसका भारतीय संस्कृति और विज्ञापन आय पर बुरा प्रभाव पड़ेगा;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ये कार्यक्रम श्रीलंका और दक्षिण भारत में बिना डिश ऐंटिना के देखे जा सकेंगे ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरजा व्यास) : (क) से (ग) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

विवरण

सरकार को यू.एन.आई. द्वारा परिचालित दिनांकित 1 मार्च, 1992 के उक्त समाचार और कतिपय समाचार पत्रों में तत्सम्बन्धी कवरेज की जानकारी है बताया गया है कि श्रीलंका में स्थित एक निजी स्वामित्व वाले टी०वी० केन्द्र द्वारा अगस्त 1992 से प्रसारण शुरू कर दिया जाएगा । समाचार में यह संकेत दिया गया है कि यह एक पार्थिव (टेरेस्ट्रीयल) ट्रांसमीटर होगा और इसके चालू हो जाने से डिश ऐंटिना के उपयोग के बिना इसके सिगनल प्राप्त हो सकेंगे । इस ट्रांसमीटर के स्थापित किए जाने के स्थान और इसकी विकिरण शक्ति के ब्यौरे के अभाव में दक्षिण भारत के हिस्सों में प्रस्तावित ट्रांसमीटर की कवरेज की सीमा के बारे में पूर्वानुमान नहीं लगाया जा सकता । इसी प्रकार यह कहना भी संभव नहीं है कि इसके प्रसारण से दूरदर्शन के प्रसारण राजस्व अथवा भारतीय संस्कृति पर इसका कितना प्रभाव पड़ेगा ।

किन्तु दूरदर्शन ने अपनी ओर से, क्रमबद्ध रीति से तमिलनाडु के कवर न किए गए भागों में अपनी सेवा का विस्तार करने के लिए कदम उठाए हैं । तमिलनाडु में लगाए जा रहे प्रस्तावित विभिन्न ट्रांसमीटर के चालू हो जाने से राज्य की लगभग 95.5 प्रतिशत जनसंख्या को दूरदर्शन कवरेज प्राप्त हो सकेगी, जबकि इस समय राज्य के 89.2 प्रतिशत लोगों को यह कवरेज प्राप्त है ।

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†सभा में यह प्रश्न श्रीमती बसन्ती शर्मा द्वारा पूछा गया ।

SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Referring to the second paragraph of the Statement, I want to know from the Government the main details of the phased programmes of expansion in Tamil Nadu— the number and the strength of the new transmitters to be set up and the time in which the expansion programmes will be completed and the expenditure to be met.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMA TION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)- The TV network in Tamil Nadu is like this. In. Madras, there are two channels— High power 10 kilowatt transmitter at Kodaikanal and 21 low-power trans mitters and three transposerf. I have got the names here, but 1 don't want to take the time of the House. I can certainly give these names to the hon. Member.

SHRIPASUMPON THA. KIRUT-TINAN: We want to know the name?.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Do you want to know the names?

SHRI PASUMPON THA, KIRUT-TINAN: Yes.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Lower-powered transmitter is located in Coimbatore, Cconocr, Cuddalore, Courtalam, Dharmapuri, Kumba-konam, Neyveli, Nagercoii, Rames-waram, Salem, Thanjavur, Tindi-vanm, Tiruchendur, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunatur, Tirunelvdi, Tiruvan-namalai, Tcticorin, Varniyambadi, Vellore, Villupuram.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wanted. . *(Interruptions).* Kumbakonam.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Sir, 1 hope my pronunciation is all right.

There are 21 low-power transmitters. Besides these, already the second channel studio for Madras is in the pipeline. This is what the hon. Member has asked. It is envisaged to establish two high-power transmitters one each at Rameswaram and Kumbakonam. Doordarshan have also planned to set up four lew-power T.V. transmitters one each at Nega-pattinam, Arcot, Mayuram and Rajapalayam.

SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Sir, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Cerpcrat-TION PROGRAMMES are papular in Tamil Nadu. They are already earning much advertisement revenue and are, therefore, cutting into the advertisement revenue of our Doordarshan. It may be further cut by the new Sri Lanka T.B. station. May I knew from the Minister, how much advertisement revenue is earned by the Doordarshan from Tamil Nadu? May I know from the Minister whether the Government has any idea about the advertisement revenue being earned by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation from Tamil Nadu? What steps are being taken to step further cutting of the advertisement revenue of Doordarshan, for example, through presentation of more attractive programmes?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: At present what is the exact figure of ad vertisement revenue from Tamil Nadu is not with me. I need to a separate notice for that. So far the informa tion we have obtained from our sources is that our earnings through advertisements have not fallen be cause of some transmission in the Southern part of Tamil Nadu by Sri Lankan Broadcasting Corporation. Sir, these challenges cometous often..

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are ready to meet them.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Yes, Sir, we are ready to met them. You will remember, Sir, when Radio Ceylon started commercial broad casting, our engineers and our soft ware people met those challenges successfully through Vividh Bharati. Now there is a demand for Vividh Bharati almost from everywhere.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, the new Sri Lanka T.V. station wan's to join the cultural invasion of India through the broadcasting. It has already been done by Star T.V., BBC, CNN and all kinds of establishments are coming to us. I want to know, whether the Government of India decided to have additional transponders through a satellite. I am told that they have decided to do so. I want to know how Pakistan have succeeded in the negotiations for that transponder from Asia satellite and India failed. May I know from the Minister, whether he is going to resume negotiations with that particular agency? If net what other satellite you have in mind through which you are going to meet this cultural invasion?

May I know from the Minister what kind of regulatory mechanism he is going to have for the Cable T.V.? I also want to know what are the main feature? of the Bill which he is going to introduce before the Parliament.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Sir, so far as the Indian culture is concerned, it is not so fragile that just bec?use Star T.V. and other satellite T.Vs. have come, our thousands of years of old culture will succumb. In fact, despite 20O years of British rule, our culture survived and took the best of their culture. That is why there is no..

MR. CHAIRMAN: We carried culture to Sri Lanka also. We contributed buted in their culture.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: I» fact, the words of Tagore were: "Dlbe aar Nibe milabe milabe, Jabe Na phire A Bharater, Mahamanaber Sagartire"

That means we take and exchange cur cultures. We never lost our culture. The hon. Member is right when he said that we have to improve the quality of our programmes and also our trans-mission facilities in uncovered areas. For that reason we are waiting for our own individual satellite to come up in June. Then various transponders will be available. By then I under-stand that 16 transponders will be available. We wilt try to get as many as possible from there. So far as Asia Sit is concerned, we did have negotiations. But they have chosen our neighbour. At a lower price, they have given it to Pakistan. But it does not mean that they are going to affect us if any way. We are continuing with our negotiations. In fact, yesterday, in the meeting presided over by our hon. Prime Minister, this point was taken and the Prime Minister has given directions so that negotiation" for taking Asia Sat may start. Besides that, wherever they are available we are trying to get other satellites in order to beam to alt other places, Doordarshan programmes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question How i» over.

WRI ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Exteemed of Bambay project to other cities

@385. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to set up a national trust to extend the 'Bombay Project' of integrated waste management (conversion of garbage into fuel pellets and maintenance of public ticlets) to more cities ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) and (b) There is an on-going pilot Project in Bombay to convert Municipal Garbage into fuel pellets using an indigenously engineered plant and to establish ticlet block eroenable for mass replication and construction. This pilot project was undertaken with the intention that i' the technical feasibility of the concept and its potential for wider application are established, then the city of Bombay and other towns and cities in the country with similar problems could also be considered for coverge under an innovative management mechanism.

The pilot project of integrated Waste Management taken up for Bombay City is currently under implementation. After the results of the pilot project of integrated Waste Management taken up for Bombay City are duly assessed, the question of its expansion and establishment of an appropriate organisation nuchnnism for its implementation will be taken up.

Middleage in oral trade

*386. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bulk of consumers in distant places are till receiving supplier of of I through middlemen and commission agent ; and

@previously Starred Question 245 tranjferred from the 13 March 1992.